

BY ALMA MARTIN ESTABROOK AUTHOR OF "MY COUSIN PATRICIA

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER 1.—The story opens with a serie at a box party. Most Herricita to instantly, aster of Histop Winstantey overfeard Banker Anaony propose to Baroara Hemmirras, whose brother Dan are in his employ. Dan was one of the forms popular young near. Dan showed states nervousness when Attorney Tois Twining told him Barpara refused Abstory.

understand, Tom," he said.
"It seems to me I understand per feetly, and I'd like to thrash bim for

his impudence."

He laughed, but the troubled look same back quickly to his usually sun

Dy face. "Miss Winstanley says he proposed

to her to-night," I said. He looked positively ghastly at that "Oh, good Lord," he cried, "I hoped she could stave him off!"
"She didn't accept him."

"No, no-of course not. But I

"It seems to me," I cut in, "that you'd be glad to have it over. He was bound to offer himself sooner or later and now that he's done it and the has refused him, you all under stand each other, and he won't be for ever underfoot, as he has been. It will be much less embarrassing all

He shook his head and, lighting a cigar, walked on moodily beside me "Ankony is the devil," he said nerv gusly. "You don't understand."

CHAPTER II.

The next day Ankony sent for me. am the legal adviser of the Central Savings Company.

He was looking particularly bellithat he had his foot on somebody's neck and meant to keep it there. I thought of what Miss Winstanley had said of self-made men in the first generation. Surely, I told myself, there were but few of them who were

not belligerent. "Here's a pretty kettle of fish!" Ankony declared.

I removed my gloves and found a comfortable chair. I was in no haste as I am not greatly interested in the petties of the acting president of the entral Savings Company, except as am paid to become so, and Ankony's mood and the recollection of his ag gressiveness the night before made me a little more antagonistic, if possible, than usual.

"It's the last thing in the world anybody would have thought likely to happen," he said. "Upon my soul, I don't see why it's so hard for a man to keep himself square these days. He has been going it a bit strong, perpaps, but I'm fond of bim, and I'm not naturally suspicious, and the thought that he might be tempted never oc-

Would you mind going at it other end round?" I suggested, for I hate to guess at things.

lie flushed. He hates suggestions "if you want it flat, flat you'll get it," he said, coarsely. "Hemingray's been stealing from the company."

I smoothed my gloves.
"No." said I quietly; "oh, no; not Dan Hemingray."

Ankony was purple in a minute.
"You're mighty sure of that, are

you?" he sneered.
"I am," said I; "I know Dan Hem-

"You know Jim Austin, too, don't I winced inwardly. Austin is an ex-pert accountant, infallible, and an

honest fellow besides, "What of that?" I demanded. "Well be says Hemingray is a

'I'm sorry he thinks so," I re marked

You don't? You won't?" "No. of course I won't."

You mean that Austin's wrong?"

"He may be. No man is infallible "Jim Austin hasn't been found ma

king any mistakes that I know of."
"What does he say about it?" ! asked. That Hemingray has taken about three thousand, and that he has been

taking it for more than six months of spurse I un erstand that under the gumstances-"
"Under no circumstances would I

believe a thing like that antil whac been proved to me." "It won't take long to prove it. We'l pull Austin."
"Wait. If you are convinced, you

may convince me, if you can. I am not ready to talk with any one out-

side yet. Not even Austin."

He sneered openly. A sneer from a man like Ankony is not a nice thing is stand. I best my gloves agains of log. I wanted to throw them in list face. But it was not at just the size in the proceedings when I could

afford to, so I held down my choler. He dragged a chair to the table, and followed. He flung open the books with an air of triumph that he had not the decency to conceal. I knew how he was smarting under Barbara's

For an hour we went over the accounts. Then we looked up and faced ich other: J'm Ausen had made no since-"

"Social success is costly, you see Ankony commented. "A poor man can't afford to make himself quite so nice to the balt and the sick and the

"Nor can a rich man afford to make himself so insolent," said L. talking of a friend of mine, remem

per to be giving him excellent service say!"

Tor his money.

Lan looked at me oddly. "You don't understand, Tom," he said. "I've no patience with that sort o' thing. Twining," he declared, a little a ore conciliatingly.

No. I don't expect you to have

Neither do I expect you to understand his tempration; I don't understand it wyself, for I wasn't born a rich man't son snitched suddenly out or my nout and a rough newter one pushed in in its place! It's not a pleasan' experience that, and if we haven' to ne through it we don't know any thing about it. It takes a strong man to meet that sort of thing and not b upset by it. Dan isn't strong, per-haps; he is only open hearted and big and g nerous and kind."

"And a thief," supplemented he, "He was not an intentional one. meant to put the money back, I am as

"Oh, they all expect to do that." "I dare say," I replied unargument "That's no excuse," he protested.

"I am not urging it as one." "A man's a fool to take such

'Discretice stands for morality with you, then?" I remarked.
"No such thing!" he cried. "There's

no use in getting excited or sore about this thing, Twining."

I made a hasty calculation and of fered him my proposition. It was to refund to him before the end of six weeks all that Hemingray had taken with Interest, Dan to be turned over to me, and nothing to be said of the affair to any one.

"I suppose you call that restitu-tion?" he inquired.

"Something like it, yes."
"Well, I don't. We're tired of this thing of being robbed behind our backs by the men we trust. I didn't send for you to consider ways and means of getting the money back and letting Hemingray go scot free, I sent for you as the company's attorney to proceed at once with the necessary teps leading to his arrest and incar

ceration."
"Ah," said I, "now we understand He nodded

"I would hardly have expected this of you, Ankony." You admit the theft, don't you?"

"Do you admit the motive that prompts you in the prosecution?" "That's got nothing to do with it.

But naturally—quite naturally. I'm sure—it is to our interest to stop this business and make an example of the thief. We've stood it too long aiready. This is the fifth time this has happened to the company in twice that many years. I tell you it won't do to let it go on."

I looked at him and smiled. It may

not have been a very pleasant smile: I certainly didn't intend it to be, and he flushed beneath it.

"What do you mean?" he blustered That what you are telling mo is all

"Now that you've gone this far, per haps you will go a little farther and make yourself plain," he cried angrilly.

Certainly. You were refused last night by Miss Hemingray."
"She told you that?"

"If you knew her better you would not ask such a question. She to'd me nothing. You made your proposal so public that the refusal was bound to be more or less so, and you have your self to thank for the fact that I. others, know of it. Now, to make her suffer, you throw her brother into

He got up hotly and took a step or two toward me.
"Be careful what you say. You

how better than that."
"Your habit has not been to run down offenders." I remarked.
"We've had to let several of them

go because of their relation to mem bers of the company. But there must be a stop somewhere, and I am in earnest when I say that it must be here. I'm sorry for the boy and for his sister, though I don't expect you to believe it. But—"No. don't," said I.

I took up my hat. "Wait! Where are you going?" "Back to my office.
"What for?"

"Because our interview is at ar end."

It's only begun. We must talk of how we are to proceed."
I walked toward the door.

"Am I to understand you refuse to have anything to do with the prose cution?" he cried.

You certainly are, Ankony. If must remind you of your obliga-tion to the company."

"There's an obligation before it." I

said, my hand on the knob, "That sounds very fine," he speered "Naturally, I can understand that you wish the Hemingray name kept clean

Don't go any further, if you please

"Oh, better think twice of that, Mr.

I went out and shut the door. But half-way down the hall I turned deliberately, hesitated only a moment, and went back. What pride I had for myself and for Dan and Barbara was gone. Matters must be amicably ad-justed if possible.

"Ankony," I said, going in to him, for God's sake think of Miss Hemingray, if you wen't think of the boy if she had accepted you last night you would not have followed this course. You wouldn't have considered it. You would have been full of other ries this morning. Surely we can't hold women to blame for not varing for us when we ask them to elled; you know that as we'll as i to. Think better of this Won't you' 'or know what an borored place heirs has always been in the com-uunity. You know what luck they've and see their father's death of how they've not it. You have seen a guest in their house, a friend of them both. You must have addired their courage, their smiles, and he incomparable way in which they are both set themselves to make ings come right. The boy has been

"He stole the money-" he broke in "Yes I know he did. I'm not exon rating him: I'm not trying to. It was crime, and I recognize it, of course. and your right to prosecute, if you are so determined. But put yourself is his place if you can. He is simply prodigal in his kindness. There are more people in town to-day who have been buoyed up and brightened by him than by any other man, old or young. Maybe he did take your money to help do it. But as much as he ever expected to do anything he expected to pay it all back. He stinted himself: it was only with others he was sen erous. And then his sister—he wanted to make things easy for her if he could. He was ashamed to admit that he couldn't keep it up. Foolish? Of course it was foolish. But you ad mire him a little for trying to carry his end of the Hemingray string as i had always been kept up, don't you. You see what it has already cost him Don't make it cost him everything he's got. Give him another chance. He'll redeem himself. You'll see. Try arm.

"You ask too much." "Too much! I only ask what you've done for fellows that were rascals and deep-dyed culprits. Surely you can give him the leniency you gave them As for the bad influence, there won't be any, as you must admit, since no one knows of it, nor will know of it



For God's Sake Think of Miss Hemingray."

f you do as I ask. Let the boy go,

"You plead well. I don't wonder you want the Hemingray escutcheon kept clean, and I'm sorry I can't go-

ommodate you." 'You won't?"

"I can't." "Rubbish.

"I will not, Mr. Twining, I must pro-med with the prosecution." I pulled myself in hand with a rong effort.
"If I did what I went to do. I'd throt-

tle you, Ankony" I said, and I went out and shut the door between him and my rage, which was becoming un

I spent the rest of the morning in a determined effort to find something to change the course of events and save Dan. But all my determination and eagerness went for nothing. There was absolutely nothing I could lay bands upon. Ankony was inexorable and vindictive. And no help could come outside of Ankony. There was no further appeal to be made to him.

I knew of nothing with which to threaten or frighten him. He was inregnable in his own past discretion and I was in a frenzy of helplessness

As I was leaving the office on a further search, which, I admitted even as I undertook it, promised nothing. I ran face to face with Parbara in the hallway. A glance at her showed me that she knew. She had smiled through losses and bereavement and nain, but she was not smiling now. The Hemingrays knew how to meet vicissitude but not dishonor. Shame had burned the brightness from her eyes and seared dry that deeper well

of cheer in her been head. (To Be Continued.)

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Notice is ferrely given that Walter C. Williams, of Ricardo, N. M., Sho on April 21st, 1988, mail: at Rowe, N. M., June 1th, 1990.
Notice is teries at zero that Walter C., williams, of Picardo, N. M., 5-50, on April 21-1, 1985, unite tromesseas Entry No. 48-57 Serain no. 04754, for earth 1881 quarter, Scotlon 22, Township 1 N. Jange 2a East, Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intestion to make Final Cumutation Proof, of entablish claim to the land above described, octore W. M. Weldington, U. S. Caron, as Ricardo, N. M., on the 9th day of Suptember, 1969.
Claimant names as witnesses; D. H. Williams, George C. Taylor, Williams Fledger, John Powell, All of Ricardo, N. M.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Rowell, N. M., 1999.

Natice is heavy given tune Andrew C. Roberts, #Schroster, N. Mex., who, on March 2nd, 1989, mace Homestead Entry no. 1402. Serial no.04294.

Gr. s. W. 1-4. Section 10, Township I. Senta, Range C. Eest, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intendent to make Final Commutation Proof. to establish claim to the land above described, before Frank N. Pagre, U. S. Court Court, at Schroeder, N. M., on the 9th day of September, 18-95.

Claimant names as witnesses: Westey Howard, Neivin T. Crawford, James L. Navorre, James W. Grizelle, Ali of Schroeder, N. M., C. Tillotton, Register, July 11—Sep. 4

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land, Office at Roswell, N. M., July 2., 1708.

Notice is hereby given that Frank H. Smith, if Buchanan, N. M., when on July 18, 19.7, made domestead Entry No. 12184, Serial No. 012184, for its 14. Section 8, Townsam 19. Ranue 2118, N. N. dereitian, has filed notice of intention to make inni Communitation Proof, to establish claim the land above described, betwee Frank N., Page 18. Court Commissioner, at his office in Schowier, N. M., on the 1st tiny of September, 1809.

Claimant names as winesses: Tomas Chaver-homas E. W. Combs. Powhatan E. Page and William E. Bailer, Allo J Buchsam, N. M.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office, Recavell, N. M.

Notice is herebe given that Melvin T. Crawford of Schroeder, N. M., who, Jany, 2nd, 1902 and Homestead Entry No. 1885, Serial notice, for sell-1, Section 4, Township 1 p. Enna 2 g. N. M.P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention by make Final Commutation Prof. to establishing the the land above described before Franch Principles, Conference of Conference of N. M. at the 9th day of September, 1909.

Claimant names as wireesses:

Andrew C toberts, George A. Kelly, Wesley Howard sames M. Grizole, all of Schroeder, N. M.

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Department of the Interior, United States Law office. Rowell, New Mexico, July 20, 1952. A sufficient consect addition to any position of the interior of Interior of

Aug 7-Sep 11 Harold Hund, Receiver.

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Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe. N. M. August 11, 19-9.

Notice is enceby given that Thomas T. Jones, of Riesrdo, N. M., who, on Feby. 25, 1909. mad. Hones end Entry, no. 1828s, for as will a section 1 formant 2 N. Ramer 21 K. N. N. Principal Newton and field notice of Interior to make Final Commutation Press, to establish claim to the land theory described before W. M. Weddington, U. S. Commutation Final Commutation 1. S. Loss.

Chainant names as wimesses: Chaa. Watney, Charles E. Tanner, Walter Weddington, Thomas Kenady; all of Kicardo, N. M.

MASUEL R. Otrino, degister.

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Serial no. 02411 (Not Coal Land) NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior. U. S. Land Office at Senta Fe, N. M., Aug. 9, 1999.

Notice is bereity given that Ada R. Marshall, of Shassle, N. M., who, on Nov. 9th. 1985, mane Homestead Energy No. 08411. for N-8: 1-4. Section at Township 5 N. Range 23 g. N. S. F. Marrislen, has fled notice of intention to make Final commutation Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Parker, U. S. Comr., at Sunnyside, N. M., on the 11th day Oct. 1999.

Claimant names as witnesses: Scaphronta Gerhardt, Katherine Valder, Mary Hunter. Ellen Gerhardt; all of Sunnyside, N. M. M. MANUEL R. OTERO, Register.

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U. S. Lend Office at Santa Fe. New Mexico.

Aug. 13, 1969

Notice is thereby given that Henry M. Hanson, of Stearde, N. M., who, on March 11, 1968, mass Homestead Entry (Col. O No. 1836), for South-cast quarter. Section 7. Township 2 N. Range 24 E. N. & Fabridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Commutation Proof, to establish chara to the land above described, before W. H. Parage. S. Contra, at Summyside, N. M., on Oct. 18, 1969.

Claimant names as witnessen. Chas Wanney, M. Gorman, Joe Kenndy, Thomas H. Jousse all of Ricardo, N. M.

MANUEL R. OTERO, Register.

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U.S. Land Office at Roowell, N.M., May29, 1939,
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of Sunnyalise, N. M., who, to May 2, 1939,
made Humestead Entry 2003, Serial No. 07145, for
S.E. 1-4, Section 25, Tomaship 4 N., Range 25,
N. M. P. Meridine, has filed notice
of intention to make final flow year proof, to
establish claim to the land above described, before
W. H. Parker, U. S. Commissioner, at Sunnyalde,
N. M., on the 18th day of September, 1949. Claimant names as witnesses: Rafael Mendez Celedon Trainlo, Agapito Garcia, Felix Barela All of Sunnyside, N. M.

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